

# Change Hostname

Changing the hostname in FreeBSD can be done in a few simple steps. Here's how to do it:

## Step 1: Change the Hostname Temporarily

To change the hostname temporarily (until the next reboot), you can use the `hostname` command. Open a terminal and run:

```
sudo hostname new-hostname
```

Replace `new-hostname` with your desired hostname.

## Step 2: Change the Hostname Permanently

To make the hostname change permanent, you need to edit the `/etc/rc.conf` file. Open the file in a text editor, such as `vi` or `nano`:

```
sudo vi /etc/rc.conf
```

or

```
sudo nano /etc/rc.conf
```

Look for a line that starts with `hostname=`. If it exists, change it to your new hostname. If it doesn't exist, add the following line:

```
hostname="new-hostname"
```

Again, replace `new-hostname` with your desired hostname.

## Step 3: Update the `/etc/hosts` File

It's also a good idea to update the `/etc/hosts` file to reflect the new hostname. Open the file:

```
sudo vi /etc/hosts
```

or

```
sudo nano /etc/hosts
```

Find the line that contains the old hostname and change it to the new hostname. It might look something like this:

```
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.0.1 old-hostname
```

Change `old-hostname` to `new-hostname`:

```
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.0.1 new-hostname
```

## Step 4: Reboot or Restart Networking

To apply the changes, you can either reboot the system:

```
sudo reboot
```

Or, you can restart the networking service:

```
sudo service netif restart
```

## Step 5: Verify the Change

After rebooting or restarting the network, you can verify that the hostname has been changed by running:

```
hostname
```

This should display your new hostname.

By following these steps, you should be able to successfully change the hostname on your FreeBSD system.

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